

REMARKS

This responds to the Final Office Action mailed on March 22, 2006.

Claims 1, 7, 12-13, and 19 are amended; as a result, claims 1-29 are presently pending in this application.

Rejections

The Examiner has rejected the claims in view of the Lewis reference. Applicants have amended the claims to more particularly define the feature vector. This feature vector provides for three coordinate points with respect to a graphical symbol's angular position within the image. Moreover, the feature vector defines a shape of each graphical symbol within the image. Also, the feature vector defining a coverage area or coverage area attributes for each graphical symbol within the image to which it relates. It appears what the Examiner has identified as a "feature vector" in the Lewis reference is substantially different in that it is used to identify a color of an image and lacks many of the above mentioned limitations.

Correspondingly, Applicants respectfully request that the claims be allowed and the rejections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney (612) 373-6972 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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